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MARITIME SHIPPING SUCCESSFUL

NAVY FLEET FULFILLS FEBRUARY PLAN -- Morskoy Flot, No 18, 4 Mar 49

The Ministry of Maritime Fleet fulfilled the February freight transport plan for tonnage 107.8 percent and for ton-miles 114.1 percent.

Freight transportation in February 1949 increased 13.4 percent in tons and 7.5 percent in ton-miles as compared with February 1948.

The February plan for tons and ton-miles was fulfilled by the following steamship lines: Baltic, Estonian, Northern, Murmanak, Danube, Black Sea, Azov Sea, Caspian Sea, Far East, and Caspian Tanker. The Sakhalin Steamship Line failed to fulfill the plan.

Sevetskaya Estoniya, No 56, 9 Mar 49

The Estonian State Steamship Line completed the February plan for tonnage 178.9 percent and for ton-miles 208 percent.

NAVIGATION OPENS ON AMU-DARYA RIVER -- Pravda Vostoka, No 48, 9 Mar 49

It was announced on 9 March 1949 that navigation had opened on the Amu-dar'ya River.

LENINGRAD PORT INCREASES MECHANIZATION -- Krasnyy Flot, No 38, 16 Feb 49

Several new cranes and machines for handling freight have recently been put into operation at the Leningrad Port. Four new gantry cranes will be put into operation for the beginning of the navigation period. The machines and devices to facilitate freight handling are being prepared in the machine shop. Freight handling will be almost completely mechanized in 1940.

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SRETEISK SHIP-REPAIR PLANT TO SPEED PRODUCTION -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 22,
2 Feb 49

I. Fridin, chief engineer at the Sretensk Ship-Repair Plant, reports that installation of the bridge crane in the steel warehouse is being completed, and the crane will be put into operation by 5 February. The conveyor will be ready for operation at the end of February. The plant expects to speed up turnover of working capital by 16 days and to release 1½ million rubles to the State.

VLADIVOSTOK PORT COMPLETES JANUARY PLAN -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 22, 28 Jan 49

The Vladivostok Commercial Port completed the January production plan on 26 January. The best results in the competition were achieved by the second section of the port (chief, Zakimov) and the fourth section (chief, Vasilenko) which fulfilled their plans 134.8 percent and 118.4 percent respectively. Port workers have pledged to exceed the plan for loading and unloading work 15 percent by the end of the month.

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